

Gentlemen:

I am an Amateur Extra Operator (WA4VWR), and wish to state my EXTREME opposition to Broadband over Power Line (BPL) due to it's great potential for severe interference to HF and VHF radio. I have been active since 1964 had have had to wage constant "war" against man-made interference to radio reception to be able to persue my hobby and have clear frequencies so as to be able to receive weak signals during routine AND emergency situations. The recent power outage in the northeastern US is but one good example of the value of amateur radio to a community - large or small. The following is a quote from ARRL's website: "In Ohio, Section Emergency Coordinator Larry Rain, WD8IHP, reports that all ARES organizations in northern Ohio were activated after the power grid went down. Rain reports a power surge that occurred when the electricity came back on disrupted the Richland County Hospital's telephone system. 'Amateur Radio was there to provide back-up communication until 4:30 this morning,'" End quote.

For the future of the Amateur Radio Service and it's unprecedented value during times when normal communications channels do not function, PLEASE do NOT approve BPL!

Thank you,  
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